



Town of Rowe  
**Board of Selectmen** Minutes  
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 –3:00 p.m.  
VIA TELECONFERENCE

*This meeting will be held via video conference, consistent with Gov. Baker's temporary modifications to Open Meeting Law due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

**Board of Selectmen:** Chair Charles Sokol, Selectman Joanne Semanie  
**Absent:** Selectman Ed Silva  
**Administrative Staff:** Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary, Paul McLatchy III, Administrative Assistant to the Boards  
**Other Attendees:** Board of Health Chair Margaret Rice, Rowe Camp and Conference Center Director Benjamin Werner  
**Audience of Citizens:** None

**Call to Order:** Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M., a quorum of the board present via remote participation.

**MOTION: Roll call vote to call to order:**

**Chair Sokol:**                    **yes**

**Silva:**                                **absent**

**Vice-Chair Semanie:**    **yes**

**Background:** This group of individuals (self-titled "Covid Group") has been meeting weekly for the past few months to listen to the state Covid-19 briefings and discuss ongoing matters in town related to the pandemic. As Board of Health Clerk Joanne Semanie was elected last Saturday to the Board of Selectmen, there is now a quorum of the board present during these weekly meetings, and as such, must take place in open session.

**Covid Discussion:** The following points/topics were addressed during discussion:

Board of Health Chair Maggie Rice provided the following updates:

- The School was meeting this week to discuss reopening Rowe Elementary School in the fall and how to proceed safely. Chair Rice said many teachers had voiced concerns and the Board of Health would be reviewing the plans.
- There would be vaccine clinics conducted as drive up for Charlemont and Hawley residents on September 26<sup>th</sup> and for Heath, Colrain and Rowe on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Chair Rice said the Nurse position to fill with the retirement of Sheila Litchfield is still ongoing as an applicant did not accept the position offered, however, Sheila will continue to perform the flu clinics.

- Chair Rice reported that the Mosquito District that Rowe joined reported that the samples of mosquitos collected this far had tested negative for Eastern Equine Encephalitis.
- Ben Werner, Director of Rowe Camp and Conference Center reported that there is no programming at the Camp.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION: Chair Sokol made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Selectman Semanie.**

**MOTION: Roll call vote to call to order:**

**Chair Sokol:                      yes**

**Silva:                                absent**

**Vice-Chair Semanie:      yes**

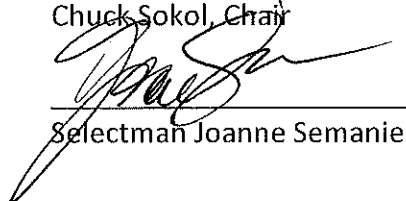
Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date: *JULY 23, 2020*

Approved:

  
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Chuck Sokol, Chair

  
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Selectman Joanne Semanie

**Documents:**

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